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Rome, March 19. N. S.

THE Pope is very much preſſed by Cardinal *Fourbin* and the *Spaniſh* Ambaſſador, to enter into an Engagement with the Crowns of *France* and *Spain*, to prevent the Imperialiſts entring into *Italy*, and to this end they offer to aſſiſt him with Men and Money; But the Pope ſeems unwilling to ſhew any Partiality to either ſide, and declares, That he will continue to employ his utmoſt endeavours for adjuſting the Differences between the Emperor and the ſaid Crowns, and for maintaining the general Tranquillity. The Marquis of *Peretta*, Firſt Miniſter and Secretary of State to the Duke of *Mantua*, is come hither upon ſome Negociation. Eight Pieces of heavy Cannon were tried here this week, in order to be ſent to *Civita-Vecchia*, and Signior *Daſti*, Governor of Arms, is gone thither to put that Place into a Poſture of Defence. The Congregation for Military Affairs have reſolved to make a Line along the River *Po*, to be ſtrengthened with ſmall Forts at certain diſtances from each other, for the Security of the Frontiers of the Eccleſiaſtical State on that ſide. Two Companies of Foot marched from hence two days ago to *Ferrara*, and two more followed this day. The Pope has reſolved to perform the Ceremony of taking Poſſeſſion of the Church of St. *John de Lateran* on the 10th of the next month, and ſeveral Triumphal Arches are erected for that occaſion.

Milan, March 16. Don *Emanuel Semenza*, Commiſſary of War in this Dutchy, was ſent laſt week by the Prince of *Vaudemont* our Governor, to the Dutcheſs of *Mirandola*, to require her to admit a Garriſon of 300 *Spaniards* into the City of *Mirandola*, which we hear ſhe has conſented to, and Don *Emanuel* is ſince gone by the Princes order to *Mantua*. The Prince of *Vaudemont*, the Marquis *de los Balbaces*, and ſeveral other General Officers, went from hence yeſterday to view the Fortifications of *Caſtiglione*, into which Place the *French* have put a Garriſon, which has much alarmed the Princes of *Mantua*, *Modena*, and *Parma*. The Count *de Tiff* has received Money from *France* for the Service of the *French* Forces in theſe Parts, and has given Orders that the Train of Artillery be made ready with all poſſible diligence, intending, as ſoon as a ſufficient quantity of Proviſions and Forrage can be got together, to form a Camp on the Borders of *Cremona*. The Prince of *Raffini* being diſſatisfied with the Management of the Publick Affairs here, and expreſſing his Sentiments thereupon too freely, was commanded ſome days ago to retire out of this City within 24 hours; And his Brother the Great Chancellor was ſent for by our Governor, who reproved him for ſome Diſcourſes he had held, and warned him to avoid the like for the future. The Prince of *Vaudemont* has ſent the Captain of his Guards to *Madrid*, to compliment the King of *Spain* on his Arrival there. Orders are come from *Madrid*, to break ſome of the Regiments of *Spaniſh* Horſe in the Service of this State, and to incorporate the Men in others that are to be kept on foot. Directions are given likewiſe, for ſuppreſſing the Penſions that were paid to ſeveral General Officers.

Venice, March 25. The Cardinal *d'Eſtrees* received ſome days ago an Expreſs from *Paris*, with further Directions in relation to the Matters he is Negociating here; The *French* Reſident at *Mantua* came hither about the ſame time, and after having conferred with the Cardinal, returned to *Mantua*, and from thence is to go to the Courts of *Modena* and *Parma*; And 'tis reported, that the Duke of *Mantua* has been prevailed upon with a Sum of Money, to receive a *French* Garriſon into *Mantua*. They write from *Milan*, that the *French* have put 1700 Men into *Caſtiglione*, where the Count *de Teſſe* deſigns to have his Head-Quarters; The ſaid Count arrived here from *Milan* the 19th Inſtant, and had ſeveral Conferences with the Cardinal *d'Eſtrees*, and viewed the Arſenal and other Curioſities of this Place, and on the 22d returned to *Milan*. This Republick continue to make Preparations for their Security; Orders are ſent to *Dalmatia*, for raiſing a Regiment of 500 Men; the City of *Padua* are raiſing one of 600 at their own Expence, and 'tis not doubted but the other Cities in the *Venetian* Territories will follow this Example.

Vienna, March 26. The Imperial Foot deſigned for *Italy* are all on their march, and the Horſe will begin theirs on the 31ſt Inſtant. The whole Army will conſiſt of 40000 Men. Three Imperial Regiments are advanced as far as *Roveredo*, and have ſecured the Paſſes on that ſide. Count *Guido* of *Staremberg*, who is to command the Army under Prince *Eugene* of *Savoy*, will be going thither in the beginning of the next month. The Emperor has cauſed a Manifeſto to be writ, ſetting forth his Right to the *Spaniſh* Succeſſion, which will be publiſhed as ſoon as his Forces are in a readineſs to begin the Campagne. 'Tis ſaid, Prince *Lewis* of *Baden* has put off his Journey to *Bohemia*, and that he has accepted the Command of the Emperor's Forces on the *Rhine*. The Princeſs *Dorothy*, Siſter to the Empreſs, and Wife to Prince *James Sobieſky*, is come hither from *Sileſia*. We have an Account, that the Treaty for ſettling the Limits between the Territories of the Emperor and the Grand Signior, was Concluded and Signed by the Commiſſioners on both Sides the 5th Inſtant at *Piſca*, on the Borders of *Tranſilvania*.

Mentz, April 3. The Electors of *Bavaria* and *Cologne* arrived the 31ſt paſt at *Coblentz*, where they conferred with the Elector of *Triers*; The next day the Elector of *Cologne* returned to *Bon*, and the Elector of *Bavaria* came to *Steinhauſen*, to make a Viſit to the Elector of *Mentz*; And yeſterday his Electoral Highneſs of *Bavaria* continued his Journey to *Munich* by the way of *Wurtsburgh*.

Weſel, April 5. They are working with great diligence to repair the Fortifications of this Place; 3500 Men of the Forces of *Brandenburgh* are entred into this Garriſon, and about 12000 more are expected in theſe Parts. 'Tis ſaid, the King of *Pruſſia* intends to come hither this month.

Cologne, April 5. The Garriſon of this Place was reinforced on the 2d Inſtant with 300 Men of the Forces of the Circle of the *Lower Rhine*, and is to conſiſt in the whole of 3000 Men of the ſaid Forces, and of 1000 Men which this

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